approval to the project has been given by the Planning Commission. The project has further been processed for appraisal by the Public Investment Board (PIB).

Special Central Assistance to Water Supply Scheme for Bhopal

†4163. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of special central assistance for the scheme to supply water for Bhopal from Narmada, keeping in view the requirement of potable water of Bhopal city; and

(b) if so, by when the said amount would be provided to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Rs. 20.00 crore has been allocated for Bhopal Water Supply Scheme, based on drawal of water from Narmada as part of one time Annual Central Assistance (ACA) under the approved Annual Plan for 2005-06. Accordingly, the State Government has allocated Rs. 20.00 crore for the project on 20th January, 2005.

Encroachments on Ajmal Khan Road

4164. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of small traders blocking the roads and walkways on the main Ajmal Khan Road causing a lot of hardships to people; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take to remove encroachments on the main Ajmal Khan Road, New Delhi for smooth flow of pedestrians and traffic?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that they are aware of small traders blocking the roads and walkways on the Ajmal Khan Road. Some of the squatters are tehbazari holders. Other unauthorized squatters are removed from the Government land from time to time.

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Delhi Police has reported that action against obstructive/improper parking is taken by the Traffic Police. During the year 2004, Traffic Police made 1225 challans and towed away 949 vehicles from Ajmal Khan Road. Similarly, during 2005 (upto 31.3.2005), 339 challans were made and 225 vehicles towed away from the area.

Major projects in Tamil Nadu

4165. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major projects undertaken by his Ministry in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of the costs or estimates thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Displacement of People due to beautification and development

†4166. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor and labourers are being displaced in big cities including Delhi in the name of beautification and development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the families displaced so far, year-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to resettle them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Urban Development is a state subject. Accordingly, beautification and development of cities falls within the purview of State Governments/local bodies. As such, no specific records/details are available with the Ministry of Urban Development to indicate year-wise number of families of poor and labourers displaced so far in big cities in the name of beautification and development and measures being taken by the respective State Governments/local bodies to resettle them.

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